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Public Meeting
Regional Services Council
Region 10
September 17, 2010, 9 a.m.
4150 North Keystone Avenue
Indianapolis, IN 46205

Council Members in Attendance

J. Hubartt, Reg. 10 Dir., DCS, Chair; C. H. Wong, Chief Council, DCS, proxy for P. Surbey; M. McGeney, Division Mgr., DCS; J. Brees., FCM, DCS; B. Ping, Juv. Ct; Judge G. Chavers, Juv. Ct., Proxy for Judge M. Moores; K. Reid, Supe., DCS; C. Ball, Juv. Probation; P. Haughan, MCPO; S. Wilken, Supe., DCS; G. Ellis, Child Advocates; Brian Ellis, Mentors of America; A. Foxworthy, Supe., DCS; K. Bullington, DCS Legal Counsel

Visitors

D. Wimer, Lutheran Child & Family Services; T. Chandler, Community Assets; J. Dalton & G. Kalal, Damar; B. Waller & M. Owens, MKNA; K. Riley, Probation; S. Kegl, Midwest Psychological; D. Bell & B. Marson, Valle Vista; J. Van Wicklin, White's Family Services; A. Johnson, Gallahue; L. Franklin, Reach for Youth; S. Stephens, Laine James Education Fund; M. Kirchner, Gibault; N. Barnes & N. Holland, Adult and Child; T. Dent, Choices; K. Edgemon, The Villages; J. Stewart, Resource Cmty. Based Svcs.; H. May, NOAH; B. Van Devender, NYAP; C. Andler, Families Reaching for Rainbows; L. Goldberg-Mitton, PassWord Cmty. Mentoring; D. Gordon, Wernle; J. Drake, Emberwood Center; J. Bush, Midtown CMHC; J. Zinnerman, Centerstone-Foster Care Select; L. Green, Family Works; Y. Hampton, RD; T. Johnson, IJJTF; L. Highley

Introduction of Members/Housekeeping

Council members introduced themselves and determined a quorum was present. August minutes were approved and should be posted within ten days.



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Chair obtained a copy of the proposed budget the day before this meeting. She hasn't had a chance to review it or discuss it with RFM Campbell, but did note that overall it contains about a seven percent reduction on what we actually spent (in last fiscal year). At last RSC meeting she talked about how DCS, the courts, Probation and the providers worked collaboratively to live within the FY 2010 budget. For 2011 we will have to do even better. Last year we spent about 88 percent of our budget and this year we'll have to reduce that by a little more than \$5 million.

Ball asked if Chair had the total dollar figure. She replied that she needs to speak with RFM about the total because Central Office is also looking at taking some of the MRO money off the top as well as the allocation and net county cost. After those calculations are done, Chair believes we can work on strategies to continue to deliver quality services to children and their families without compromising on quality. Chair believes the RFM should have numbers within the next two weeks.

Ping expressed concern that we'll have expended the first quarter's funds before we ever get a budget. He asks that the Budget Group get together as soon as possible. Chair agreed; she added that she had heard from the controller yesterday that if spending for the months of July and August were projected for the whole year that the numbers would be under-budget. Ping replied that he too thought that was great except that July and August are notoriously slow.

Needs Assessments

Lainee James Group Home

Ms. Stephens returned to provide more information as requested at September meeting. The Lainee James Foundation will provide scholarships to qualifying students in the medical, education, or social science areas based on financial need, academic performance, successful completion of LJGH's Seven Pillar Program, etc. She provided some background on a couple of founding board members and partners in providing services to the youth. The per diem was lowered to \$150 and is negotiable; the Foundation will pick up a larger part of the cost than previously calculated.

She provided a budget projected for a full year; they have accumulated a large sum of money from partners and the LJF. They budgeted for an average of seven boys aged 13-20, allowing for slow periods. She explained and answered questions from Council members about the staff, their qualifications, and coverage. The GH is searching for a contract therapist.

After further discussion, Chair asked for a motion. McGeney moved to deny at this time, Wong seconded, and a majority voted to affirm. Though the vote was negative, the organization is still able to pursue a license.

Other Updates/ Business

Chair reminded Council that she would provide more info on the budget and holding a budget meeting when she gets it, probably within the next week.



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Public Announcements/Comments

Chair asked for any comments from the gallery, providers or members of the public. There were none.

She then stated that we have a budget, made all the allocations for Prevention Funds and she knows of no NAs for the next meeting. As we are required by statute to hold only one meeting per quarter, Chair thinks the Council could meet again in November instead of October. If anything pressing comes up she will email everyone. We've learned in summer that having only one meeting requires a heavy agenda, but at this point we can have meetings every other month. Council Members heartily agreed and next meeting will be held November 19.

Judge Chavers stated his agreement that the budget is the most pressing issue of the day and for holding off on the next meeting until November. He assured the Chair and Council that Marion County [Court and Probation] will work with the RSC as best as they could because they do understand the reason and the need for the State to reduce the budget. "Obviously none are happy, but it's the reality we all have to live within. We have the same issues within the county budget."

Chair thanked the Judge, adding that "over the last year we've learned that one entity can't do that by itself." Stakeholders and partners in Marion County work in concert to accomplish what needs to be done for children and families.

Adjournment

There was no more business and meeting was adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for November 19, 2010 in the same conference room at 4150 N. Keystone.



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